

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 777

By Johnson P

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Judge Bill Baker for a lifetime of public service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bill Baker is one such laudable individual who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, highly respected within his community, Bill Baker served with distinction from 1966 until 1974 as a General Sessions Judge and from 1981 until 1988 as the Ashland City Municipal Judge, fairly administering justice to each party who came before his court; and

WHEREAS, this brilliant jurist then served with acumen and alacrity as the Ashland City Attorney for eight years, in which position he earned the unbridled respect and admiration of his fellow members of the bar and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, having proven himself to a thoughtful and dedicated leader, Judge Baker brought his sage insights and professional expertise to the role of Cheatham County Commissioner for the First District and rendered sterling service in that highly influential position from 2006 until 2010; and

WHEREAS, an ardent patriot who truly wants what is best for his country and state, Judge Baker skillfully led the Grand Old Party for four years as a Republican State Executive Committeeman; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Judge Baker is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Glover Dale Tarver Baker, and they are both very proud of their daughter, Jane Baker (Sister Margaret Andrew), who took her vows at Saint

Cecilia Convent over twenty-five years ago, and their son, Father John Sims Baker, who now serves his Lord as a Priest; and

WHEREAS, Judge Baker is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Judge Bill Baker for his service to the people of his community and the State of Tennessee, applaud his devotion to the law and our judicial system, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.